AIDS Action Europe

New Prevention Efforts

- Upscale access to prevention

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• AIDS Action Europe – Operating Grant
  – Advocacy
  – Communication
  – Projects

• Areas of work of your project/action where there is most potential/need for further work?
  – PrEP
  – Usage of Gay Apps
  – ChemSex

• Perspective for establishing/continuing working relations with other EU co-financed projects/actions?
  – Collaboration and Networking
PrEP in Europe Initiative

- PrEP should be provided to those who need it
- It is an additional tool in the prevention tool kit
- TasP and PrEP fuel discussions in the communities on what is Safer Sex – challenges and opportunities
- A potential increase of STI cannot be the reason to refuse PrEP. Sarit Golub: “That is like saying 'I'm not going to give you statins because you might go out and eat a cheeseburger’”
- The goal is formal access to PrEP like in France or Norway in order to avoid incorrect usage, reduce disparities and avoid inequalities
Usage of gay apps – Opportunities (1)

• Gay dating apps play an increasingly important role when it comes to negotiating sex between men – using them for prevention and information is only consequent
Usage of gay apps – Opportunities (2)

• Compared to print media the immediate effect is documented on how many people are reached and it is less expensive

• Possibility to cluster the target group, for instance geographically or in terms of age

• Linking to direct services and to topical actions like drug checking in specific venues, testing on occasion of community street fairs for instance, flexible and prompt

• ECDC – publication of guidelines on usage of social media
ChemSex

• ChemSex Forum in London in 2016, endorsed by AAE, a next one in Berlin in 2017
  – A phenomenon that should neither be played down nor dramatised
  – Gay communities are concerned
  – Potentials: in several cities there is a well working drug support system and a well established service system in the LGBTIQ communities – Collaboration and good practice exchange is needed at national and international level and has already started
Cooperation

- EU HIV/AIDS CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM >>> EU HIV/AIDS, VIRAL HEPATITIS AND TUBERCULOSIS CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM
- Co-Financed EU projects
  - HA-REACT
  - ESTICOM
- CBVCT
- Clearinghouse database, Linking and Learning